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In re Application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
James A. Williams :  
Application No. 08/957,494 :  
Filed: October 24, 1997 : ON PETITION  
Attorney Docket No.: 3843 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a), or in the alternative under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 28, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Notice of Allowability (hereinafter "Notice"), mailed May 25, 1999. The Notice set a non-extendable three (3) month period for reply. No reply having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned August 26, 1999. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 11, 2000.

With the instant petition, Applicant has submitted drawings in reply to the Notice. The issue fee has been previously submitted on August 18, 1999.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **dismissed as moot**.

The application is being forwarded to Publications Division for processing into a patent in due course.

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